

Age Limit On Cellphones

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A young soon to be mother was waiting at a traffic light for it to go green. She places her hand on her protruding stomach, thinking about her baby. The light turns green and she puts her foot on the gas pedal to go, and then crash! Her family is now planning two funerals because of a young teenager texting and driving. Over the last ten years phones have become a prominent thing in children and teens lives. Putting an age limit on cellphones could help reduce fatal car accidents, improve health and improve their memory better.

“Texting and Driving is a number one killer of young Americans.” (Robert Tanner n.p.). When you get your licence at sixteen you're supposed to know all the rules and laws of driving and ‘No Texting While Driving’ is one of them. Many teens know this but also don't follow it. “Someone on the phone has the same reaction time as someone intoxicated.” (Jennifer Smith n.p.). When you're drunk, your brain is slow and unfocused and so is your brain when you text and drive. “98% of the population, regardless of age, the likelihood of a crash while on a cellphone increases fourfold.” (Smith n.p.) You look down at your phone for a split second and look up again all the sudden you could be in a crash and could of killed the other car and it would be your fault and be the one paying for it all in the end. Okay, Maybe it was an important text about your grandma in the hospital or where you're supposed to meet someone. But nothing is more precious in life than life

itself.

Teens and children are depending on their phones, like life will end if they don't have their phones on them. "Nearly a quarter of teens in a relationship have communicated with a boyfriend/girlfriend hourly between midnight and 5am via cellphone or texting. Every ping is a temptation to pick up the phone." (The Seattle Times n.p.). When you're stuck to your phone you miss things in life. Like having fun at a bonfire or s get together with friends. Instead you're sitting on your bed scrolling through someones profile on Facebook from two years ago."The phone beeps and they feel compelled to answer it." says an anonymous mother. They can't handle hearing the beeping and not being able to answer it. Thinking it a friend or an enemy writing on their new picture they posted or a new friend request. Many teens don't remember anything anymore by the selves they have their phones doing it for them, like birthdays, and important events or even their own parents numbers. Yea, some people don't have good memory as others. But hey, what do you think they did in the old days. They wrote it down some where until they remembered it or to come back to it.

Cell Phones decreases teens and children's health. "7 years worth of Internal Health Canada Documents, obtained through access to information request, reveals cancers about cell phone frequencies and potential -but unproven- links to 'Childhood

Leukemia, brain & other cancers of the head and neck, memory problems, stress, and migraine/ neurological ailment.' The document plainly states children are at higher risk from (radio frequencies) exposures." (Tyler Hamilton n.p.). The frequencies from your phone goes through the earpiece, to your ear and into your brain causing it to possibly give your brain cancer or memory loss, it can range from raging headache to cancers. Children and teens are more prone to getting the frequencies in because they have thinner skulls than adults. Cell Phones are an absolutely great way to keep in contact with your child or teen. But what's worse? Your child's health at risk or them being able to contact them. Either way you can contact your child a different way, just remember old days, goto your child.

Overall, Cell phones are unhealthy, cause accidents, and distracts teens. If teens and children unplugged from their devices they would enjoy life better and have fun with it as our parents did when they were younger. Many things have changed since then, but teens and children should be teens and children as long as they possibly can before they grow up and it flashes before their eyes. Putting an age limit on cellphones will improve many of the problems we have with teens and childrens on cell phones.

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